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Chicago Plan Commission

Agenda Item #10 (IMD)

Dear Commissioners,

I wanted to lend my support in the changing of zoning for Institutional Planned Development #30 for the IMD.

Anything that boosts a diversity of uses, density and height is a bonus for the city, especially when an area this sizable is being affected.

There's so much potential with the vast amount of underutilized and empty land, this change in zoning to C2-5 is a FIRST STEP.

I've only seen the Texas Medical District in Houston from the highway, but I've looked it up and it's ginormous..... I'd like Chicago to strive for that built scale.

Why can't IMD become an extension of the expanded central area along Ashland Ave?

I hope Ashland Ave is looked at as eastern (north/south) spine of the district. A zone of transition if you will... You have about 3/4 a mile from I-290 north to Lake St., which is near the western edge of the Fulton Market Innovation District. I can envision a synergy along this stretch of Ashland corridor.

I look forward to the transformation of this area over the next decades.

Best,

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Chicago Bolster